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SUBJ: THAI MEDIA REACTION--VANCE IN CHINA

FORMER THAI FOREIGN MINISTER PICHAI RATTAKUL, WRITING AUGUST 22 IN THE CONSERVATIVE AFTERNOON THAI-LANGUAGE PAPER SIAM RATH, OWNED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER KUKRIT PRAMOJ, DISCUSSED THREE POLICY OPTIONS OPEN TO SECRETARY VANCE IN NORMALIZING SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. FIRST, WASHINGTON COULD TRY TO PERSUADE PEKING TO PUBLICLY GIVE UP THE IDEA OF TAKING TAIWAN BY FORCE, THEN THE U.S. COULD SCRAP ITS DEFENSE TREATY WITH TAIPEI AFTER TALKS WITH THE NATIONALIST CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

THE SECOND OPTION IS THE SAME AS THE FIRST, BUT WITHOUT A PUBLIC STATEMENT, PERMITTING THE COMMUNIST CHINESE TO SAVE FACE.

THIRD, THE STATUS QUO CONTINUES, BUT THE U.S. ENDS MILITARY AID TO TAIWAN AND SEPARATES NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS FROM THE TAIWAN PROBLEM.

PICHAI FEELS THAT FULL WASHINGTON-PEKING DIPLOMATIC TIES MAY BE ESTABLISHED, BECAUSE BOTH COUNTRIES "HAVE MORE COMMON INTEREST IN SETTLING PROBLEMS THAN IN ALLOWING THEIR PROBLEMS TO REMAIN DEADLOCKED."

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PICHAI CONCLUDES, "IF THE U.S. ABANDONS TAIWAN AND TURNS TO PROMOTE ITS RELATIONS WITH CHINA, THIS MOVEMENT WILL INDICATE THAT THE U.S. IS GOING TO RETREAT FROM ITS DEFENSE LINE, MAKING IT NECESSARY THAT THAILAND SPEEDILY IMPROVE AND ADAPT ITSELF TO GET ALONG WITH NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS AS MUCH

AS POSSIBLE."

TH LQESWHOEORY NATURE OF MR. VANCE'S TRIP RESULTS FROM CHANGES IN WASHINGTON'S CHINA POLICY, ACCORDING TO THE AUGUST 23 EDITORIALNLG THE PRO-TAIWAN CHINESE-LANGUAGE PAPER SHIH CHIEN JIT PAO. THE CHANGES WERE PRODUCED BY "DOMESTIC PRESSURE AND ADVICE," EDIT MAINTAINS.

"HOW HUA KUO-FENG, TENG HSIAN-PING AND HUANG HUA WILL DEAL WITH VANCE REMAINS TO BE SEEN, " EDIT CONCLUDES.

UNSIGNED COLUMN IN THE SAME PAPER AUGUST 23 SAYS MR. VANCE THE CHINESE WILL REALLY BE DISCUSSING MOSCOW DURING THE VISIT, AND NORMALIZATION OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS WILL BE OF SECONDARY CONCERN. COLUMNIST QUOTE S AN UNNAMED "INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS EXPERT" IN TAIPEI AS

SAYING THAT THE U.S. IS "TRYING TO WOO THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS WITH THE AIM OF COUNTERING THE SOVIET UNION, WHILE PEKING ALSO WANTS TO COUNTER MOSCOW BY SHOUTING FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS IS THAT THE U.S. WANTS TO COUNTER THE SOVIET UNION MODERATELY, WHILE COMMUNIST CHINA SEEKS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIETS," COLUMNIST SAYS. CHINA WOULD THEN MOVE IN AND "TAKE ADVANTAGE" OF THE MESS MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON WOULD FIND THEMSELVES IN, THE COLUMNIST CONCLUDES. MCGINLEY

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